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STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
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The Honorable Steve Knight
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT SB 582 (Knight)

Dear Senator Knight,

I am pleased to sponsor SB 582. Consolidating taxpayer assistance and direction in order to provide a seamless experience for Californians to pay their taxes, is a measure which will both save time and increase compliance. The tax paying process in California has become complex and difficult to navigate for our taxpayers. To obtain assistance and comply with California's current tax laws, policies, and procedures, many taxpayers interact with each of three agencies separately; the Franchise Tax Board, The Board of Equalization, and the Employment Development Department.

SB 582 authorizes a pilot program under the Revenue and Taxation code which is intended to help the taxpayers. This program will create a single website with guidance in navigating the complexities of payment and reporting obligations, obtaining real time information pertinent to their individual accounts, and receiving assistance to achieve optimum compliance with California's complex tax system. This website would also provide the forms and applications from all three agencies in order to consolidate these taxpayer references into a single, user-friendly archive.

Implementing SB 582 would be an important step toward efficiency, both by more effectively using tax dollars and in assisting the taxpayer in more easily complying with California's complicated tax laws. I proudly sponsor this bill and hope this effort will garner much support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER
Second District